United Nations A/58/821

General Assembly

Distr.: General
8 June 2004
English
Original: Arabic

Fifty-eighth session
Agenda items 127 and 134

Human resources management

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad **Rajeh** (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the items entitled "Human resources management" and "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 44th and 51st meetings, on 19 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.44 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/777);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/705)";

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759).

04-37977 (E) 160604

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.87

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the representative of Belgium, coordinator of the informal consultations, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/58/L.87).

5. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay and Venezuela.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.87 without a vote (see para. 9).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.71

7. Also at its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse" (A/C.5/58/L.71), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of New Zealand.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.71 without a vote (see para. 10).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005"[1] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-ninth session on the use, including the conversion, of 300 series contracts, addressing in particular the strategy of the Organization for meeting current and future human resources requirements for peacekeeping missions, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 35 to 39 of its report,[2] concerning the wholesale conversion, bearing in mind the fact that the General Assembly has taken no decision to support the replacement of the 300 series contracts as a mechanism for the employment of staff in peacekeeping missions;

3. *Decides* to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit[3] for appointments of limited duration under the 300 series of the staff rules in peacekeeping operations until 31 December 2004, pending a decision by the General Assembly on this matter at its fifty-ninth session.

---

[1] A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759.

[3] See resolution 52/216; ST/SGB/2004/3 and Corr.1, Scope and purpose of the 300 series of Staff Rules; and staff rules 301.1 (a) (ii) and 304.4 (b).

10. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.[1]

[1] A/58/777.